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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 0450 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN
ALGIERS BERN JIDDA MUSCAT KUWAIT SAIGON PARIS USUN DTD 27 JAN 75
QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 0450

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, ICRC, VN, VS

SUBJECT: LOW CONFERENCE: ARAB POSITION ON PRG ISSUE AS SEEN BY
GVN AMBASSADOR LE VAN LOI

1. IN MEETING WITH GVN AMBASSADOR LE VAN LOI JAN 27
(REPORTED SPETEL), HE ALSO DWELT AS SOME LENGTH ON THE
ARAB POSITION. SAUDI ARABIA HAD ASSURED HIM THAT IT
WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE PRG. BUT THIS ASSURANCE WAS
CONDITIONED ON SOME OTHER ARAB STATES (THE SAUDIS
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED OMAN, LEBANON, AND KUWAIT AS
EXAMPLES) TAKING THE SAME STAND. USDEL OFFICER GAVE
VAN LOI OUR INFORMATION THAT OMAN LOOKED REASONABLY
FIRM AGAINST PRG (MUSCAT 115) BUT THAT KUWAIT HAD SAID
IT WOULD ABSTAIN (KUWAIT 299).

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2. VAN LOI HAD JUST BEEN TOLD BY JORDAN'S REP IN

GENEVA THAT JORDAN WILL VOTE AGAINST THE PRG. JORDAN
HAD BEEN INFLUENCED, VAN LOI SAID, BY THE
KNOWLEDGE THAT SAUDI ARABIA PLANNED TO VOTE THIS WAY.
THIS FURTHER CONVINCED VAN LOI THAT SAUDI ARABIA
WAS A KEY ARAB VOTE.

3. ON THE PLO ISSUE, VAN LOI WAS HOPEFUL ON THE
BASIS OF HIS OBSERVATIONS THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL
BYPASS THIS QUESTION. HE HAD NOTED IN PARTICULAR
THAT THE PLO PEOPLE IN GENEVA DID NOT APPEAR TO BE
GEARING UP FOR A FIGHT ON IT. THEY MIGHT NOT
PRESS FOR ANYTHING BEYOND THEIR PRESENT OBSERVER
STATUS. VAN LOI ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE
ALGERIANS COULD ACTIVATE THE ISSUE AT ANY TIME. DALE UNQUOTE
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